

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2717 - HB 2976

February 9, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines “natural gas equipment” and “natural gas provider” relative to tort liability. Creates limited tort liability for a natural gas provider if the injury was caused by an undiscoverable alteration, modification, or repair of gas equipment, or if the equipment was used in a manner other than that for which it was intended or could reasonably have been foreseen, so long as the consumer was warned of hazards associated with foreseeable misuses of the equipment. Prohibits a defendant from alleging or proving that a person or entity caused a plaintiff’s injuries, death, or other losses, unless the plaintiff could have maintained an action against the person.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, in such cases, there will be motions and hearings concerning the applicability of the immunity, which will offset any judicial resources freed by the dismissal of cases based upon the immunity.
- Therefore, the fiscal impact is not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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